













## Miscellaneous Department.

FOR THE ANTI-SLAVERY STANDARD,  
OUR COLORS.

TO THE INDEPENDENCE (IOWA) GUARDS,  
BY STEPHEN J. W. TABOR.

Go forth to the field, and with loyalty true  
Unfold our dear banner—the Red, White and Blue;  
But in its defense, when our foes come to attack,  
Be noble, and strike for the White and the Blue.

Undaunted and daring, for freedom be brave,  
That the Red, White and Blue may never float o'er a slave;  
In liberty's cause may you never turn back,  
Remember you fight for the White and the Blue.

Oh, soon to be bloodhounds for traitors and knaves,  
Nor send to their tyrants poor fugitive slaves;  
But save the oppressed from the scourge and the rack,  
Be saviors alike to the White and the Blue.

Go forth, then, ye Guards, to our country be true,  
Give honor and fame to the Red, White and Blue;  
They who seek it for freedom, oh, never drive back—  
Let it wave in the winds for the White and the Blue.

Let our flag bless each clime, each color and hue,  
That with pride we may look on the Red, White and Blue,  
And the will and the power may our soldiers not lack  
To battle alike for the White and the Blue.

The world with emotion our flag will then view,  
And we can exult in the Red, White and Blue—  
To our standard will point the slave's trusting track,  
And its folds will encircle the White and the Blue.

Go forth to success—know our hearts are with you,  
May you victory gain with the Red, White and Blue—  
By and by, with glad tears may we welcome you back,  
When nobly you've fought for the White and the Blue.

Three cheers for our standard so varied in hue!  
Three cheers for our colors, the Red, White and Blue!  
Three cheers for our soldiers, who traitors will hack!  
Three cheers for our brothers, the White and the Blue!

Independence, Iowa, July 12, 1861.

### IT IS VERY POSSIBLE.

Translated for THE STANDARD from the German of JOHANN HENRICH  
DANIEL SCHÖCKE.

BY STEPHEN J. W. TABOR.

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#### III.

##### The Prophet.

Is, however, Baron Stryk's axiom contributed strength and stability of mind, and a half hearted adherence to truth, it also sometimes brought him many vexations, or what most people would certainly consider such, though it was no easy matter to sustain his equanimity.

As an example, he was present on one occasion at a ministerial council where the Elector himself was present. It was during the early intoxication of the French revolution. When the Council had concluded its sitting, the members conversed upon the events at Paris, Lyons and Strasbourg. They pointed out the monstrous transformation of the French people, who were formerly so idolatrous of their kings, and who now manifested such an exuberance of joy at the downfall of thrones.

"It is the most shameful people upon the whole face of God's earth," cried the Elector. "No other nation would so conduct. In contrast with them, I think of my own subjects—never, never, I am indubitably confident, will they be seized with such an insane fury, or bow the knee to any other government than mine. Do you think it possible, Counsellor Stryk?"

The Baron happened, at this instant, to have his thoughts otherwise employed, and he said half the words of his prince. He shrugged his shoulders in an embarrassed manner, and, according to his custom, replied: "Certainly, sire, it is very possible!"

The Elector was astounded. "Is such your opinion?" he exclaimed. "Can you suppose there will be a moment when my subjects will feel joy at my overthrow?"

"It is very possible," said the Baron, and this time with deliberate reflection. "Men are ignorant of the future, and nothing is more uncertain than a reliance upon a people which is composed of individual men, each of whom vastly prefers himself to any prince in the world. A new order of things always gives birth to new hopes, and hopes are ever more seductive to the human mind than the possession of present good. Consequently, your Serene Highness, loved as you are by your subjects, and desiring as you do that love, yet can I not swear that, in the course of events, your people, forgetful of all your benefits, may not celebrate jubilees, and prepare illuminations in honor of a republic or another prince, while they destroy and dishonor the electoral coat of arms. It is, indeed, very possible!"

"You are certainly backward in expressing your ideas," said the Elector again, and at the same time he significantly turned his back to the Counsellor. Stryk was instantly a disgraced man. Every one said, at the same time, "Stryk is a fool!"

A few years afterwards, the French passed victoriously beyond the Rhine. The Elector and all his court fled in terror and dismay. The people behind shouted with joy for freedom and equality, instituted jubilees and illuminations, and indignantly broke the electoral armorial bearings into pieces.

Stryk, as a practical and useful man, and as an individual possessing a vast fund of knowledge, at once obtained a position in the new order of things, and the more readily because it was remembered, in what manner he had been disgraced by the late ruling prince. He was regarded in some sort as a martyr of electoral despotism. The new government was established, and his activity and business ability contributed not a little to that result.

Yet, notwithstanding his natural ardor of disposition, he never allowed himself to be drawn into the extremes of political fanaticism. He maintained a position independent of both parties, and the Jacobins styled him a disguised royalist, and the royalists a disguised Jacobin. He smiled at both designations and did his duty.

One day there arrived a Commissary from the French republic, and all who made any pretensions to worldly wisdom lavished upon him the greatest marks of honor. All pressed themselves upon his notice, and all endeavored to give him an elevated idea of their own importance. Occasionally there were not wanting persons who denounced the independent Stryk, and magnified the ambiguity of his republican sentiments, while they proffered their votes of service. The Commissary, when he once met the Baron in a large and brilliant company, when were presented many glowing toasts on the freedom of the world, the rights of man, and the victories of the republic, turned to him and said: "I wonder that kings should still venture to contend with us, for by so doing, they only hasten their own overthrow. The revolution will encircle the earth. How can these despots hope otherwise? Can they think to subject the great masses and restore the Bourbons? The foot before that could happen, entire Europe must be destroyed. What is your opinion, citizen Stryk? Can a person of the least intelligence imagine that the throne will ever again be established in France?"

"It now seems quite improbable," said Stryk, "but, nevertheless, it is very possible." "What! Very possible!" cried the Commissary in a voice of thunder. "He who doubts the duration of liberty can have never truly loved her. It grieves me that one of the highest officers of this State should nourish such sentiments. Is it possible you can present an excuse for yourself?"

"Truly," said Stryk, with the utmost calmness, "it is very possible. In the free Athens of antiquity accustomed itself, on account of its ability and wisdom, and because he had kept aloof from both the old parties, and was classed among the *moderates*, Stryk was reinstated in his former place and dignity. At this time, among all his contemporaries, he was held in higher esteem than ever before. So many things had been fulfilled which he had predicted, that he

was regarded as one of the most far-seeing of politicians.

#### IV.

##### Stable Politician.

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to retire from his official duties on account of illness, but allowed his salary to continue.

#### VII.

##### Final Valedications.

The Baron ever afterwards remained in private life, and he retained the distinction he had won, and especially the reputation of a clear, sagacious, and far-seeing politician. All the great changes in national governments, it was alleged, his wisdom and insight had enabled him to foresee long before their occurrence, and with unflinching certainty to predict them. Consequently, people generally were impressed with a kind of superstition respecting him, and were desirous of obtaining his opinion of the future.

As he was once complimented on his rare gift, he could not forbear from saying, in the vulgar, "reputation, a man may acquire with absolute ease, but the world of the world are all chasing each other with blind and angry impatience, the man of cool temper and sound understanding perceives the true state of things."

"And is it in your power to impart your faculty of prediction?" inquired one of his admirers.

"It is very possible," said the ex-Counsellor's axiomatic reply. "In order to interpret the future you must look backwards and not forwards. Backward in the past hangs the prophetic mirror; but those who are in authority dislike to look therein, and besides, their sight is impaired in regard to instruction from old memorials, eulogies, and diplomatic papers."

"But what have you to say of this present time?"

"It cannot continue as it is," said the old man, "and this prediction is certain as death itself."

"What!" said his interlocutors, "do you think national disturbances and revolutions are not yet ended, although the conjurer who produced them is now made the companion of the rats and mice of St. Helena. Will he return? or do you believe that another like him will appear and raise similar spectres?"

The Baron shrugged his shoulders. "It is very possible. Besides, the restless spirit now in St. Helena did not excite the American or the French revolutions, but he had those elements which promote and hasten revolutions among men. Revolutions will always occur when it is attempted to establish horrors and follies by force of arms. They will occur when hierarchies, oligarchies, despotisms and monarchies endeavor to perpetuate their abuses, and make their tyranny eternal, by means of inquisitions, tortures, religious bigotry, persecutions, diplomatic tricks, political proscriptions, suppressions of the liberty of speech and the press, holy alliances, and the like. So it will be in the time of Charles I. and Philip II. The same causes will produce the same results. Never have a doubt of that."

#### A TRUMPET BLAST.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

[The following lines, written eighteen years ago, sound like prophecy filled with the present crisis.]

O! for God and duty stand,  
Lead to heart and hand to hand,  
Who shrink or falter now,  
Whose to the yoke would bow,  
Brand the craven on his brow!

Freedom's soil has only place  
For a free and fearless race;  
For a free and fearless race,  
For a free and fearless race,  
For a free and fearless race,

Perish traitor! perish can!  
Strike together! strike can!  
Like the arm of one strong man!  
With one heart and with one mouth  
Let the North unto the South  
Speak the word befitting both!

What though Stryk be strong,  
Ye may find his back with wrong  
Over much and over long.  
Patience with her cap o' errand,  
With her weary tread outpant,  
Murmurs that her work is done;

Boldly, or with treacherous art,  
Strike on blood-stained coat of part!  
Break the Union's mighty heart!  
The rain, if ye will!  
Pluck upon your heads an ill  
Which shall grow and deepen still!

With your boundman's right arm bare,  
With his heart of hate and despair,  
Stand alone, if stand ye dare!  
Onward with your fell design—  
Dig the gulf and draw the line—  
Fire beneath your feet the mine!

Deeply when the wide abyss  
Yawn beneath your feet, and this,  
Shall you feel your helplessness.

#### THE BLACK SAXONS.

BY MRS. L. MARIA CHILD.

Tyrants are but the spawn of ignorance,  
Begotten by the slaves they trample on;  
Who, could they see a glimpse of the light,  
And see that tyranny is always weak.

With the color of the light,  
And see that tyranny is always weak.  
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